

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-193-C - ORDER NO. 2000-635

AUGUST 8, 2000

IN RE: Rock Hill Telephone Company - Revisions to)	ORDER ON FILING OF
its General Subscriber Service Tariff to)	COST STUDIES AND
Comply with FCC Order Nos. 96-388 and 96-)	POSTPONING HEARING
439, Issued in CC Docket No. 96-128 and 91-)	AND PREFILING DATES
35 (Reference Tariff No. 97-176).)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA) for an Order requiring the filing of cost studies by Rock Hill Telephone Company (Rock Hill or the Company), and for postponement of the hearing in this matter until such time as SCPCA and the Commission have had an opportunity to review the cost studies. SCPCA describes in its Motion the characteristics of the cost studies that it would have Rock Hill file. Rock Hill filed a response to the Motion, stating that it had no objection to the hearing being postponed and being rescheduled at a time that would be at least ninety (90) days after the date upon which the Commission orders Rock Hill to serve its cost study upon the SCPCA. In fact, Rock Hill states its intention to file cost information no later than August 9, 2000. Rock Hill further notes that it does not necessarily agree with SCPCA's assertions as to what constitutes proper cost studies. Rock Hill finally asserts that if SCPCA states, after the August 9, 2000 submission of cost studies that said studies are not appropriate for SCPCA's requirements, the issue of what is appropriate can be addressed at that time.

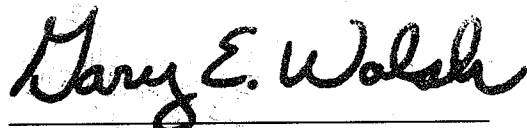
Accordingly, we hereby require the filing of cost studies by Rock Hill Telephone Company, and rely on Rock Hill's assertions that it will file these no later than August 9, 2000. We grant postponement of the hearing, and of the prefiling dates for testimony and exhibits of the parties. The hearing and prefiling dates shall be held in abeyance until further Order of the Commission. We also hold that if the cost studies filed by Rock Hill are not appropriate for SCPCA's requirements, the issue of what is appropriate can be addressed at some time after the August 9, 2000 filing date.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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